WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Export performance in IT sector

†*143. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to improve the export performance in the field of Information Technology Sector;

(b) if so, details of the achievements in the field of Information Technology, Software services and electronics during the last three years; and

(c) the target fixed to promote export in these fields and develop computer hardware manufacturing sector for the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Export of IT & Computer Software & Services sector during the past three years is enclosed as Statement I (*see* below).

(c) The targets fixed in the field of IT and Computer Software and Services as per 10th Five Year Plan of the Department of Information Technology, are given in Statement II.

Statement-I

Export Growth 1999-2000 to 2001-2002

(Rs. in Crores)

Sector	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Electronics Hardware	2600.00	4788.00	5800.00
Computer Software and Related Services	17150.00	28350.00	36500.00
TOTAL:	19750.00	33138.00	42300.00

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement-II

Computer Software and Services Export Targets for the next 3 years as per the Tenth Five Year Plan

Year	Projected Export Target (Rs. in Crores)
2002-03	54000.00
2003-04	73000.00
2004-05	98000.00

Legislation on Drunken Driving

*145. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward a new legislation or amend the existing laws to provide for deterrent punishment for drunken driving which is the major cause of accidents; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) (B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Provisions exist in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 to deter and punish the act of drunken driving. Under Section 185 of the Motor Vehicles Act, while driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle, if a person has, in his blood, alcohol exceeding 30 mg. per 100 ml of blood detected in a test by a breath analyzer, he shall be punishable:

(i) for the first offence with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees, or with both; and

(ii) for a second or subsequent offence, if committed within three years of the commission of the previous similar offence, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine which may extend to three thousand rupees, or with both.

Certain amendments making the above provision more stringent are contemplated.